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3 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
4 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**  
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6 Donald W. Moon,

7 Plaintiff,

8 vs.

9 Clark County Detention Center, et al.,

10 Defendants.  
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Case No. 2:14-cv-01468-JAD-VCF

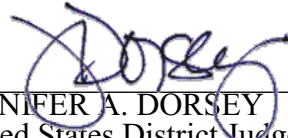
**ORDER RE: LETTER COMMUNICATIONS  
WITH THE COURT**

12 Plaintiff Donald W. Moon has submitted a letter addressed to the judge and received on  
13 October 8, 2014. Doc. 3. The letter requests, among other things, “the help of this court and  
14 counsel.” *Id.*

15 Plaintiff is hereby cautioned that requests for relief or for the court to take action must be  
16 styled as a motion that complies with the Rules of this Court, not contained in a letter mailed to the  
17 judge. *See* Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 7(b)(1) (“A request for a court order must be made by motion.”). The  
18 motion must be properly formatted with the case caption, *see* Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 7(b)(2), filed with  
19 the Clerk of the Court, and properly served on the opposing parties. Plaintiff is not relieved of the  
20 obligations to comply with the rules of this court merely because he is representing himself in this  
21 litigation in a *pro se* capacity. *King v. Atiyeh*, 814 F.2d 565, 567 (9th Cir. 1987) (“Pro se litigants  
22 must follow the same rules of procedure that govern other litigants.”); *see also Ghazali v. Moran*, 46  
23 F.3d 52, 54 (9th Cir. 1995) (“Although we construe pleadings liberally in their favor, pro se litigants  
24 are bound by the rules of procedure.”); *Jacobsen v. Filler*, 790 F.2d 1362, 1364 (9th Cir. 1986)  
25 (“[P]ro se litigants in the ordinary civil case should not be treated more favorably than parties with  
26 attorneys of record.”). Letters to the judge will be disregarded; no relief will be granted in response  
27 to the plaintiff’s October 8, 2014, letter or any future request submitted in letter form. Accordingly,  
28 plaintiff is instructed that, if he desires the court to take action and can state a legal basis for the

1 court to grant such relief, he must make that request in a properly formatted motion with proof of  
2 service on the opposing parties.

3 DATED: October 16, 2014

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5 JENNIFER A. DORSEY  
6 United States District Judge  
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